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## HENNING'S OPINION OF CLAYTON

Editor of Albuquerque Herald Believes, With Reason, Clayton Is Best Town in the State.

Clayton, N. M., Aug. 18.—Union county, one of the richest, and just at present one of the most prosperous counties in New Mexico, is coming to the state fair this year with an exhibit to resources that will require not less than two full sized freight cars to transport. It will be one of the finest of the county displays and if it does not win one of the big money prizes it will not be for the lack of effort here, nor for that matter, will it be for the lack of confidence, since the people of Clayton and vicinity believe that they have the best crops in the whole state this year. As a matter of fact they have had a wonderful season on both farm and range. The small grain yields are phenomenal and the county is prosperous as it never was in the early days when Clayton was a "cow town" and all the vast area now being farmed was open range.

Col. D. K. B. Sellers and H. B. Henning, representing the state fair commission, reached Clayton at noon Tuesday. There was a crowd at the railroad station and along the main business street that choked the sidewalks. It looked like a fair or circus day. But inquiry proved it only an ordinary business day in Clayton. It is the busiest town of the size in New Mexico and without any exaggeration the most prosperous. More than \$50,000 worth of new store buildings are going up; new homes are many and new farmers are as common as Ford automobiles, which is going some.

The fair workers found the progressive management of the Union county fair association in hearty accord with the state fair exhibit plan and its secretary, Dr. R. M. Olbeter, an experienced fair man, gave it his most cordial approval; as did G. G. Granville, John Spring, Carl Eklund and others of the local fair management, who joined in the request that the county commission make the necessary appropriation to finance the collection of exhibits.

The fair workers found the same hearty cooperation in the county commission, who acted promptly and generously, as soon as they found the exact purpose of the appropriation asked. The fair workers reached Clayton at 11:50 Tuesday morning. At 1:30 in the afternoon the appropriation had been made and the contract signed for Union county's space in the state fair exhibit halls. Capt. Thos. S. Snyder of the county commission, made a careful inquiry into the purposes of the appropriation, and Commissioner Matias L. Casados came in 40 miles from his home at Gallegos, to attend the meeting. Commissioner Salome Garcia of Pasmonte giving his approval by telephone. With the local fair managers present the commission voted the appropriation, while the fair men promised to furnish the men and any other money necessary to prepare the best exhibit ever taken out of the county. It will pay to watch Union county's exhibit. It will be a dandy.

The county government is in excellent shape financially. The tax levies for county and general purposes have been reduced each year while the court fund levy has been cut from three mills to one mill and there is a balance now of \$8,000 in the court fund. They say here that Judge Lieb is a great judge. He ran the last term of court here for less than \$1500, a record for economy, and left a clean docket.

The pride of Capt. Snyder's heart is the court house lawn of Union county's new county building. It is worth the trip to Clayton just to see the broad expanse of green that has taken the place of an ugly sand waste. The lawn was laid out and planted this spring, and there is not a more beautiful expanse of bluegrass in the state, not even around the state capital at Santa Fe. Capt. Snyder and his associates are giving time and thought and en-

thusiasm to the county business and they are getting fine results.

The Union county fair to be held here September 15, 16, 17, is a thoroughly successful enterprise. The association owns its own fair ground and Dr. Olbeter, the secretary, has several successes to his credit. He will have personal charge of preparing and installing the state fair exhibit which will include not only farm, garden and orchard products, but dairy and range stock and horses. The fair workers saw a four-year-old stallion, weighing 1,800 pounds and worth \$2,700, which is a sample of the livestock that this county will send to Albuquerque. There are 15 stallions of the same class in Union County.

Cut off from the rest of the state few New Mexico people know of the transformation that has taken place in Union county in the last half dozen years. Five years ago there were 900,000 sheep in Union county. Now there are less than 300,000. The range the sheep used to graze has now been turned into farms; farms that this year are producing 50 bushels of wheat to the acre and 60 to 80 bushels of oats without irrigation; splendid corn and good alfalfa, while around every farm is a bunch of pure bred cattle, some hogs and first class horses. No section of Kansas today can beat the farm products of Union county as they propose to show the rest of the state at the fair. The streets of Clayton are choked with farm machinery and equipment and the automobiles of farmers. It is a transformation that has doubled values and made a frontier village a bustling, prosperous, permanent farming town with a future settled and assured.—Albuquerque Herald.

## Henderson—Atwater

Tuesday afternoon at the Brown Palace hotel in Denver, Colorado, Mr. W. A. Henderson, prominent real estate dealer of Clayton and manager of the Clayton Insurance Agency, and Mrs. Lucile E. Atwater, U. S. Commissioner at Des Moines, were united in marriage. The following telegram from Mr. Henderson is self explanatory:

Denver, Col., Aug. 17.—O. P. Easterwood, Clayton, N. M.

U. S. Commissioner's office at Des Moines closed today 4 p. m. Brown Palace hotel.

W. A. Henderson. Mr. Henderson is one of the best known business men of the city and is popular with every one and counts his friends by the hundreds. His bride is one of the best known and most popular business ladies of the county, and has been U. S. Commissioner at Des Moines for number of years. They will make their home in Clayton in the new and modern residence recently built and furnished by Mr. Henderson.

The News is pleased to join their many friends in wishing them every happiness and success through life.

All drugs and drug sundries at City Drug Store—The Rexall Store.

Max Rountree of Bartlett, Texas, was a business visitor in Clayton several days this week.

The State Bank of Commerce is temporarily located in the Otto-Johnson hardware store.

C. Sampson of near Bertrand, attended to business in the city Friday. While here he had his subscription advanced.

The first of the week John Spring moved his meat market and grocery to the Dr. Slack building. The move was made necessary by his work on the new Schlefer building.

Col. D. K. B. Sellers and H. B. Henning, editor of the Albuquerque Herald, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Clayton in the interest of the state fair to be held at Albuquerque the week of October 11-14. Col. Sellers is one of the big men of the state. They received promise of liberal support for the state fair from Union county, and expressed themselves as greatly pleased with Clayton—the best town in New Mexico.

## CALL FOR TAXPAYERS MEETING

Is Issued by State Citizens of all Parties. Meet at Santa Fe September 1.

Santa Fe, N. M., Aug. 16, 1915. In a formal call made here today and signed by prominent business men and professional men from all sections of the state, the taxpayers of New Mexico are invited to meet in this city on Wednesday, September 1st, for the purpose of organizing the New Mexico Taxpayers' Association. The date of the organization meeting was determined by the fact that the State Tax Commission will be in session at the time and many taxpayers with business before the commission will thus be able to attend, who otherwise might not be present.

The character and object of the proposed association are fully set forth in the call, which, with its accompanying signers, follows:

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

The undersigned have constituted themselves a committee to call a meeting of the taxpayers of the state of New Mexico to be held at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the 1st day of September, 1915, for the purpose of organizing a State Taxpayers Association of New Mexico. While the details of the organization to be perfected necessarily will be determined at this meeting, the idea in the minds of the signers of this call is the formation of an organization strictly non-partisan and non-political in character, and which shall have for its object:

1. To encourage and promote economy in administration of public business in New Mexico and in the counties, cities and other political subdivisions thereof.

2. The education of the membership of the association by proper means of instruction and publicity in tax matters.

3. To cooperate with and assist local, county and municipal taxpayers' associations, encouragement of the formation of which may properly become a part of the work of this organization; and to assist and co-operate with public officials of New Mexico, its counties and cities, in tax matters.

4. To ascertain by investigation approved methods of assessment and taxation, to the end that intelligent and forceful recommendations may be made through this association and its membership to public officials and the state legislature.

It is clear that there is room for such an organization in New Mexico because of the apparent need for economy and efficiency in the expenditure of public money. Similar organizations in other states have encountered and have corrected conditions similar to those now existing in New Mexico, and have proved of use to the taxpayers and state. It is not the purpose of the proposed organization to undertake any of the work now delegated to the State Tax Commission or to interfere in any way with individual assessments of property.

The main object of the association as outlined, is the promotion of efficiency and economy in all departments of state and local government. To this end, every taxpayer in New Mexico, corporate or individual, is invited to attend and participate in the organization meeting.

(Signed:)

Wm. C. McDonald, Santa Fe.  
J. M. Cunningham, E. Las Vegas.  
Reuben S. Reynolds, Albuquerque.  
Frank W. Clancy, Santa Fe.  
James G. Leitch, Socorro.  
Geo. I. Hooks, Albuquerque.  
J. H. Hanna, Santa Fe.  
Frank A. Hubbard, Albuquerque.  
David S. Eisenwald, Albuquerque.  
D. A. McPherson, Albuquerque.  
Geo. S. V. Sant, Albuquerque.  
David S. Lloyd, Albuquerque.  
Bronson J. Cutting, Santa Fe.  
L. Bradford Prince, Santa Fe.  
W. E. Lacey, Portales.  
J. A. Mahoney, Deming.  
John S. Clark, E. Las Vegas.  
John Y. Hewitt, White Oaks.  
E. C. de Baca, Las Vegas.  
Herbert W. Clark, E. Las Vegas.

Secundino Romero, Las Vegas.  
Eugene Kumpenich, Peralta.  
C. C. Manning, Gallup.  
A. W. Pollard, Deming.  
John A. Haley, Carrizozo.  
Chas. A. Scheurich, Clovis.  
E. D. Tittman, Hillsboro.  
A. M. Hove, Carlsbad.  
Frank Bond, Espanola.  
Blas Sanchez, Wagon Mound.  
M. C. de Baca, Bernalillo.  
Hugo Seaberg, Raton.  
Paz Valverde, Clayton.  
Howard Betts, Silver City.  
C. H. Aldredge, Tucumcari.  
C. H. McLenathen, Carlsbad.  
H. J. Hagerman, Roswell.  
E. A. Gahoon, Roswell.  
Will Robinson, Roswell.  
W. C. Ried, Albuquerque.  
Wm. H. Mullane, Carlsbad.  
N. B. Laughlin, Santa Fe.  
Charles Closson, Santa Fe.  
James F. Hinkle, Roswell.  
W. M. Atkinson, Roswell.  
M. B. Goldenberg, Tucumcari.  
C. M. Richards, Carlsbad.  
Antonio Lucero, Santa Fe.  
J. De Graftenried, Buchanan.  
W. B. Walton, Silver City.  
Sylvester Mirabal, San Rafael.  
J. H. Latham, Lake Valley.  
Arthur Seligman, Santa Fe.  
Harry W. Kelly, E. Las Vegas.  
W. O. Oldham, Portales.  
F. M. Borjorquez, Hillsboro.  
John M. Sully, Santa Rita.  
Wm. Butler, Farmington.

## Opening of University

Albuquerque, N. M., Aug. 19.—The largest attendance both of students and the public at an opening event in the history of the New Mexico state university was present this morning in Rodey hall when the university was formally opened for the 1915-1916 college year. The event was made especially notable by an address by President David R. Boyd, one of the very few formal addresses he has made during the three years he has been at the head of the state university, in which Dr. Boyd outlined forcefully the standards and ideals along which the university policy is being directed. He dwelt upon the policy that insists that teaching comes before everything else in the work of the institution and that while personal scholarship on the part of professors is desirable, it must be secondary to ability to teach and enthusiasm for teaching; for the kind of work for and with the individual student which brings the student into lively personal interest with his college work. "Work was the subject of the address, and in its course Dr. Boyd showed that work and especially college work must be made so alive, so vital and so interesting that there will be no inclination on the part of the student to shirk or skim over any part of it. He quoted at length from a recent important article in the Outlook, entitled "Confessions of an undergraduate" and tending to show that because of lack of personal contact between professors and students in our great universities there is a tendency on the part of the student not to do his best work, but to "get through" with as little work as possible.

"However," said Dr. Boyd, "this emphasizes this distinction, that the accomplishment of the courses laid down under charge of professors who teach with interest and enthusiasm will result in capacity for work, and thus more practical training for life. This is the policy, I am sure, that animates my associates in the faculty of this institution. We all realize that the function of the university professor is to TEACH; that scholarship is merely an important element in qualification for that service."

"Here, my young friends who expect to go into their classes this year many of you for the first time, you are expected seriously and earnestly to take hold of your tasks, try to find an interest in them, just as you expect to assume your duties as men and women in life with interest and energy. Since this is the policy and function of the university, every one, student and professor alike, is expected to cooperate to this end. Anyone who per-

## DEPENDS ON DEFINITE REPORT

Loss of American Lives on Arabic Increases Tension Between U. S. and German Governments.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Tension increased in official quarters tonight when consular messages, forwarding affidavits of American survivors of the British liner Arabic, brought definite information that the vessel was torpedoed without warning and that probably some Americans had been lost. It seemed that but one point remained to be cleared up—whether the Arabic attempted to ram the submarine or whether a change of the liner's course to assist the already sinking British boat Dunsley nearby, was misinterpreted by the German submarine commander as a hostile approach. The attitude of the American government for the moment is receptive, anxiously awaiting accurate details and reserving judgment as to whether the action was "deliberately unfriendly." The final decision rests with President Wilson.

The general trend of comment was that the American government had reached a point where it must now decide whether it would sever diplomatic relations with Germany.

In addition to awaiting information from the American survivors, the embassy in London and American consuls, officials expect some word from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin to indicate whether the attack without warning on the Arabic had the sanction of the German government.

## Prairie Dale

30 miles north of Clayton. Crops in this vicinity are looking fine.

The Prairie Dale school is to begin the first Monday in September with John Kerr as teacher.

The Misses Ethel Mattie and Lulu Cunningham and Messrs. A. B. Polson and B. Rainwater called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stubblefield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruckman expect to move to Clayton the latter part of the month.

Mrs. Alexander and daughter of Hollis, Oklahoma, are visiting Mrs. Alexander's daughter, Mrs. Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. McMurtrey spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glover.

Miss Mae Bryan spent Thursday with Rev. and Mrs. Scofield.

Mr. Will Behm and Thomas Cunningham arrived from the harvest fields Monday.

Miss Mary Anderson of Cuates, spent Sunday with Misses Maud and Mae Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. North Blanks have moved to Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Schwartz and little son and Grandma Morris took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Morris.

C. W. B. Bryan was on the sick list the latter part of the week.

Mr. McMurtrey is building a new rock house.

A crowd of young people serenaded Mr. and Mrs. Kell Kesey Monday night. Those present were Misses Ethel Cunningham, Maud Bryan, Mattie Cunningham, Reka Weiland, Helen Alexander, and Lulu Cunningham, and Messrs. A. B. Polson, Marvin Morris, Ray Wood and B. Rainwater.

## "An Old Timer."

sistently fails to do so will soon find himself outside of the working forces of the institution and will find that it will be necessary that idlers and incompetents must be eliminated, just as they are eliminated in an industrial establishment. The blunt notice seen in many industrial institutions, "No loafing allowed," could very appropriately be placed about the grounds, and in the class rooms and laboratories of this institution.

The opening enrollment of the university, as had been predicted, is over 200, an increase of a hundred percent in three years. Practically all are taking full college courses.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. O'Brien of near Sedan, attended to business in the city today.